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REMARKS

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- On the morning of 20 December 1954, only limited activity was observed in the billeting area of the Auhof Kaserne in Urfahr (N 49/V 88) which was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty-two motor vehicles and 2 SU-76 SP guns were parked under the shedroofs. Another 6 trucks were observed in the open. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the installation included truck [ ] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets, jeeps [ ] truck [ ] with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [ ] with drivers wearing black-bordered red and black-bordered black epaulets. A lieutenant colonel wearing black-bordered red epaulets, another lieutenant colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 2 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and 3 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed at the billets. About 70 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, all of them equipped with rifles, blankets and gas masks, received hard field training in the area of the training ground west of the barracks installation. Twenty-seven soldiers wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets, who were equipped with 3 heavy machine guns, returned to the installation from the direction of the target ranges.

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- On 16 December 1954, 2 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets and a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [ ] with drivers wearing black-bordered red and red-bordered black epaulets, and trucks [ ] both with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were observed at the former convent in Gaming (O 48/W 45). At about noon, 36 soldiers who carried rifles and wore red-bordered black epaulets, returned to the convent from the direction of Kienberg-Gaming. These soldiers were young men who wore new uniforms. Nine trucks and 2 van-like motor vehicles were observed in the interior of the convent. About 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets trained with rifles and light machine guns in the former convent garden.

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  2. On 16 December 1954, 2 majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and a major wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [redacted] with drivers wearing black-bordered red and black-bordered black epaulets, and trucks [redacted] both with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were observed at the former convent in Gamlitz (O 48/V 45). About noon, 36 soldiers, some carried rifles and wore red-bordered black epaulets, returned to the convent from the direction of Kienberg Gamlitz. These soldiers were young men who wore new uniforms. Nine trucks and 2 van-like motor vehicles were observed in the interior of the convent. About 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets trained with rifles and light machine guns in the convent garden. [redacted]
- Comment. The present report tends to indicate that the occupation of the Urfahr and Gamlitz stations is unchanged. [redacted]

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